

## On Line With the Board

The following actions, comments, or discussions took place at the February 13, 2013 regular meeting of the board of education.

1. Vice-President Vershum called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. District Principal's and Assistant Principals were recognized for their dedication to Milan Area Schools as part of Principal's Week.
3. Middle School Principal, Dr. David Schmittou and several of the teachers from the School Improvement Team gave a presentation on the changes they are making in the building to enhance their classroom instruction.
4. Symons Principal Tammy Reich and Reading Lab teachers gave a presentation on data that has been collected in grades 3-5 from recent test scores compared to last year's data.
5. Approval for the consent agenda, minutes of the regular and workshop meetings in January, 2013 and payment of the bills/reimbursement of expenses was given.
6. A Millage Proposition for the May 7, 2013 election was approved.
7. The high school DECA overnight trips for March 15-17, and April 22-27, 2013 was approved.
8. Superintendent Girbach reported on the following:
  - Staff Issues
    - Chris Gill, High School Asst. Principal, and his wife Nancy Gill, high school teacher, had a baby boy Edward James.
    - Paddock teacher Mary Kliber recently had a baby boy Charles (Charlie) Kliber.
    - Central Office Accounts Payable/Receivable Manager Janet McGovern is retiring effective June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Middle School Principal Dr. David Schmittou has been asked by the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators (MAMSE) to present at their up-coming conference regarding the middle school's implementation of a Middle School Model While Raising Expectations.
    - The Adult/Community Education program received an additional \$10,000 in State funding as an incentive award for their performance last year on the State Indicators.
  - Student Issues
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Mackenzie Crawford will be auditioning to appear on the television show Splash ("Diving with the Stars").
    - High School students in the DECA group performed well at the district competition and 16 students will go on to compete at the State Competition.
    - Numerous Band students performed well at the District Solo and Ensemble Competition.
    - High School Chamber Choir earned a Superior Rating at Solo and Ensemble recently. Four Choir students were selected to perform in the 2013 All-State Honors Choir. Senior student Clarice Wiseman will be performing for the 4<sup>th</sup> year.
    - Numerous Middle School Choir students performed well at the District Solo and Ensemble Competition.

- General District Issues
  - Requests for Logo renderings have been solicited by means of student announcements, newspaper articles, website and emails. Approximately 20+ renderings have been submitted so far.
  - The Michigan Civil Rights has filed a complaint to the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights over the use of Native American Mascots in K-12 school systems. Milan was originally named in the complaint but has been removed as a result of our districts recent decision to change our logo to the 'Hawks'.
- Board Issues
  - The new high school MCIS program has recently been featured on the front cover of the 'School Planning & Management' magazine. This is a national magazine that showcases educational programs throughout the country.
  - The district has recently received information about a new Senate bill regarding 'Conflict of Interest Rules for School Board Members'. The board received the information and was asked to look it over and report back individually if they felt there was an area of concern regarding any voting conflicts.

Assistant Superintendent Peter Kudlak commented on the following:

- Mr. Kudlak reported on the recent MEAP scores that were published. Peter shared some graphed data covering a four year time frame and sited the improvement in many areas especially reading and writing. The data also revealed that a district wide effort to support the Math curriculum would be beneficial.
9. Board Member Kiger attended the recent 8<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Transition Night and the High School Principal's Coffee Hour. She reported on positive parent feedback from both of those events. She also attended the high school Consortium Open House and feels it needs to be promoted more. It is a wonderful program that offers students many career choices. Mrs. Kiger complemented the talent of our choir students and felt the recent concert was fantastic.
  10. Board Member Moccio recently attended the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Conference with Steve Porter and several other Milan staff and students. She said her daughter was one of the students that worked at the conference and it was a wonderful experience for her and provided her with earned community service hours for her attendance.
  11. Board Member Peacock reported on the recent Widening Advancement for Youth (WAY) Program meeting that he and board member Janice Kiger attended.
  12. Board Member Vershum commented on the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Group committee that she and high school teacher Kevin Upton are on. This is a committee comprised of business professionals, local chapters of the Chamber of Commerce, school board members, etc., that offers insight and support to help prepare students for the work force after high school. Mrs. Vershum also thanked the presenters for the educational data that was presented at the meeting. She said she can feel the excitement in the buildings with the school improvement changes that are happening.
  13. Board Member Leacher also thanked the presenters for their data presentation. He especially thanked the two principals that were present for their dedication and good leadership.
  14. Vice-President Vershum adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.